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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**FORMER COLUMBUS MAN SENTENCED FOR ILLEGALLY
RECEIVING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, and Andrew G. Oosterbaan, Chief of the Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section of the United States Department of Justice, announced that TIMOTHY BRAUN, age 40, formerly of Columbus, Indiana, pleaded guilty and was sentenced today to 27 months imprisonment for one count of receiving child pornography. The conviction followed an investigation by the Investigations and Criminal Enforcement Division of the Department of Homeland Security, the United States Postal Inspection Service, and the Indiana State Police.

Between July 1999 and May 2000, BRAUN used his computer to download numerous computer image files containing child pornography involving actual minors engaging in

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sexually explicit conduct. He then sorted these files (some of which involved prepubescent children) and stored them in his computer.

The prosecutors are Assistant United States Attorney Steven D. DeBrotta and Trial Attorney Wendy Waldron of the Department of Justice. U.S. District Judge John Daniel Tinder also sentenced BRAUN to three years of supervised release and ordered him to pay a \$6,000 fine and forfeit his computer.

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